



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner:

K.T. Venkateswara Rao

Bruce Edward Snow

Serial No.: 10/668,077

Art Unit: 3738

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Title: Drug-Eluting Stent And Methods of Making Same

Mail Stop **Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated May 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.